

Annual Report 2016

Mission:

Our purpose is to promote greater acceptance and understanding of Down syndrome; to educate, inform and involve all people to recognize the uniqueness and capabilities of individuals with Down syndrome and inherent dignity of all people with developmental disabilities; and to provide education and support for communities, families and individuals living, learning and growing with Down syndrome.

Events:

- Hosted a Sibshop in March and had 5 siblings attend.
- Hosted 3/21 Event Screening of the movie “Where Hope Grows” at IU with guest David DeSanctis, the star of the movie, and reception in April.
- Hosted a Splash Pad and Family Picnic party in June.
- Hosted the Calendar Release Party in September Monroe County Fairgrounds.
- Held Women’s Night Out events throughout the year.
- DADS group met throughout the year and helped with Buddy Walk.
- DADS group hosted a family fun day and pizza party at the YMCA South.
- Hosted annual Holiday Party.

Fundraisers:

- Created our 9th annual “Beautiful Faces – Extraordinary Lives” calendar. Photos taken by Natalie Norton of Noel Photos. Included 11 different sponsors and has raised over \$7,500 so far.
- Held the 9th annual Buddy Walk Sunday, September 25th at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. We raised over \$26,500 and partnered with Stone Belt as the event sponsor.
- Received \$3,477 in general donations.

Outreach and Education:

- Hosted Play-n-Learn groups for infants and toddlers, featuring sign language, OT activities, literacy, and Music Therapy. Served approximately 10 families.
- Entered a tree decorated by our self-advocates in the “Great Tree Vote-Off” at the Warehouse in November and won the contest, including a \$200 prize.
- DADS group hosted “Planning for Your Child’s Future” training with Gordon Homes in January.
- Presented on Ds at Harmony School for MLK Day of Service
- Presented on Ds at Childs Elementary School to all fourth-graders.
- Cyndi Johnson presented at National Down Syndrome Congress Convention in July on “Listen to Me! Communicating with Your Care Providers” and “Jump Start Language: Sign Language.”
- Gave out six (7) new parent packs to area families, including one Spanish version.
- Sent two (2) first birthday gifts.

Administration:

- Implemented methods to streamline DSFC’s efforts and make our organization more effective.
- Maintained and updated the DSFC website and Facebook page throughout the year.

Volunteers:

- Coordinated over 150 volunteers at the annual Buddy Walk.
- Partnered with the IU R410 class to plan 3/21 event with 5 student interns.

Financial Report:

- Total Income \$37,940; Total expenses \$24,520; net profit \$13,420. (as of Nov. 30, 2016)

Board Members:

Dawn Gray, President

Vicki Borrelli; Vice President

Cyndi Johnson, Secretary

Rosalie Sherwood, Board Member

Deborah Myerson, Board Member

Gina Lovell, Treasurer